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- Between 11 a.m. and about 4 p.m. on 10 March 1952, individual flights were made by 10 swept-back jet fighters which were parked at the take-off point at the field. An undetermined number of aircraft was parked in the open hangars. * After flying was stopped, the ten aircraft remained at the take-off point where they were guarded by sentries at night. Between noon and 3 p.m. on 12 March, swept-back jet fighters practiced individual flying. The visibility was limited to about 600 meters. There was flying by individual swept-back jet fighters at high altitudes on 13 March between 11 and noon and from 3 to 4 p.m. Exhaust trails were observed in a cloudless sky. Two trucks and a tank truck were parked at the take-off point. Between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 18 March, there was flying by swept-back jet fighters in cloudless weather. From 2 to 3 p.m. on 19 March, planes circled over the field. About 10 swept-back jet fighters made individual flights between noon and 2 p.m. on 20 March, in clear weather. Seven trucks were parked at the take-off point. During the air activity, the troops of the army units which were quartered in the Flak Kaserne were given field training at the airfield. **

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- The number of buildings assigned to the field was increased by three houses which were previously used by the consumers' association. Most of the supply trips to the field were made by army vehicles from the Flak Kaserne. On 20 March, a truck with three uncrated turbine engines entered the field. The engines were about as long as a truck. Trucks being loaded with briquets, were observed at the field. ***

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* Comment. the new fighter regiment in Herseburg is equipped with about 31 MiG-15s. all days of observation individual flying was practiced. new fighter regiments of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army stationed at other airfields in the Soviet Zone of Germany practiced flying in formations of up to five planes. It is possible that some of the new personnel are still in the primary stage of training on jet aircraft.

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** [] Comment. The Flak Kaserne is about 1 km south of Neresburg airfield. The army units are components of the 38th (?) AF Arty Brig of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps.

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*** [] Comment. These motor vehicles were previously observed at the field. They are air force vehicles, except for the last vehicle which is assigned to the army unit stationed in the Flak Kaserne.

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